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Listing and Amendment of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) Method for indicating the current status of a removable media device loaded with at least one removable medium associated with a characteristic feature, and being connected to a device for reading and/or writing AV storage media, comprising the steps of:

checking a type of user input upon occurrence of user input, wherein the user input is not generated by insertion or removal of the removable media device;

keeping the current status of the removable media device if the type of user input is not related to the removable media device;

checking whether a characteristic feature of the at least one removable medium has changed, if the type of user input is related to the removable media device;

keeping the current status if the characteristic feature of the removable medium has not changed; and

updating the current status if the characteristic feature of the removable medium has changed.

2.   (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the characteristic feature is an identifier of the at least one removable medium.

3.   (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein user input types related to the removable media device are one or more of input command to enter removable media device sub-menu, input command to navigate within a removable media device sub-menu, input command to access a removable medium, and input command that generally is preceding an access to a removable medium.

4.   (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein checking whether a characteristic feature of the at least one removable medium has changed is performed repeatedly in case an error status has been detected.

5.   (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein identifiers of all removable media of a multicard reader type media device are checked.

6.   (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein, for a multicard reader type media device the file structure of all inserted removable media is read and assembled to a single file structure.

7.   Canceled.

8.   (Currently Amended). An apparatus for reading and/or writing AV storage media comprising:

   a removable media device having at least one removable medium, the removable medium having a characteristic feature, the removable media device associated with a current status;

   a user input device that receives user input; and

   a controller that

   detects a user input related to the removable media device upon the occurrence of the user input, wherein the user input is not generated by insertion or removal of the removable media device,

   checks for a change in the characteristic feature of the removable medium, and

   updates the current status when the characteristic feature of the removable medium is changed.

9   (Previously Presented). The apparatus in claim 8 wherein the characteristic feature is an identifier of the removable medium.

10.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus in claim 8 wherein the user input includes an input

   command to enter a removable media device's sub-menu, an input command to navigate within a removable media device's sub-menu, an input command to access a removable medium, and an input command that precedes access to a removable medium.

11.   (Previously Presented). The apparatus in claim 8, wherein the controller checks whether a characteristic feature of the removable medium has been changed is repeated in case an error status has been detected.

12.   (Previously Presented). The apparatus of claim 8,
      wherein the removable media device is a multicard removable media device;
and
      wherein the controller checks identifiers of all removable media of the multicard removable media device.

13.   (Previously Presented). The apparatus of claim 8,
      wherein the removable media device is a multicard removable media device;
and
      wherein the controller reads file structures of all inserted removable media and assembles them into a single file structure.